

REMARKS

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 26 and 28

The Examiner has rejected claims 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tsuji (JP 08-204136) and Ito et al. (US 5,847,466).

Applicant has canceled claims 26 and 28 without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 and 12-15

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-10 and 12-15.

The Examiner has provided a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: a bond pad as claimed including a BLM disposed over vias and segmented such that each segment is connected to two or more vias could not be anticipated nor, in combination, be rendered obvious over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all claims pending, including previously presented claims 1-10 and 12-15, have been allowed so action for issuance of a patent from this application is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Should there be any additional charge or fee, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

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